

Blanco Ranger  
District  
220 E Market Street  
Meeker, CO 81641



## **ISLAND LAKES TRAIL # 1842**

**Difficulty:** More Difficult    **Trail Use:** Moderate    **Length:** 9.8 miles  
**Elevation:** Starts at 11,293 feet and ends at 9,840 feet (highest point 11,637 feet)  
**Elevation Gain:** + 1,093 feet – 2,546 feet = - 1,453 feet

### **Access:**

- Access to Island Lakes Trail is located 50 miles east of Meeker.
- From Meeker, take State Highway 13 east for 1 mile.
- Where Highway 13 turns north, turn east on Rio Blanco County Road 8 for 39 miles.
- Turn south on the Trappers Lake Road (FDR 205) for 10 miles to the Outlet Trailhead.
- Follow the Carhart Trail #1815 around the east side of Trappers Lake to the Trappers Lake Trail #1816.
- Take Trappers Lake Trail for 4 miles to the head of Fraser Creek where the Island Lake Trail begins.

### **Trail Highlights:**

The Island Lakes Trail heads east and after about 1/2 mile, the Chinese Wall Trail #1803 branches to the north. One mile further across the rolling tundra you come to the escarpment and below you lies the Island Lakes Basin with several lakes plainly in view. W Mountain Trail #1817 branches to the south just before you reach the rim. Dropping off the escarpment you wind your way 1/2 mile to the bench below. Half a mile further you come to the Deer Lake Trail #1802 junction, and Upper Island Lake lies to the south. The South Derby Trail #1857 branches to the south. Lower Island Lake lies 1/2 mile below the South Derby Trail junction. The Island Lake Trail continues down Derby Creek 7.3 miles or so to FDR 610 at Stump Park.

**ETHICS/REGULATIONS:** Island Lake Trail is in the Flat Tops Wilderness, please educate yourself about Wilderness Ethics. Know the following rules:

- **Cattle:** May be grazing in the area
- **DOGS:** Possessing a dog or other animal that is harassing wildlife or people or damaging property is prohibited. There is no leash law in the Flat Tops, however dogs must be kept under verbal control at all times.
- **TRASH: PACK IT IN, PACK IT OUT** -- even biodegradable items like fruit peels!
- Limit group size to 10 people and 15 stock/pack animals or less
- **SANITATION** - bury human waste 100 feet from trails and water and 6 inches in the soil or pack it out along with toilet paper.

**WILDERNESS AREAS** are in a delicate state of natural balance, they are not renewable resources. Any careless act upsets this natural balance and destroys the beauty found in the Wilderness. By following Wilderness ethics and regulations you can protect and preserve the natural qualities of the Wilderness for future visits. **PLEASE, RESPECT THE LAND AND RIGHTS OF OTHERS**

